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EVENTS CALENDAR

Saturday, August 6: Brentwood Elementary School PTA Kindergarten Play Date, 9:00 AM–11:00 AM at the Brentwood Schoolbus Playground, 6700 Arroyo Seco. Light refreshments provided. Open to all incoming Brentwood Kindergarten families. Questions? Email brentwood.pta.president@gmail.com or visit www.brentwoodpta.com.

Monday, August 8: Crestview Neighborhood Association Meeting. 7:00 PM at the Journey Imperfect Faith Community Church, 7500 Woodrow Ave., Guest speaker Natalie Gauldin, City Council Candidate for District 7.

Saturday, August 13: Annual Lamar Band Booster Garage Sale, 7:00 AM at the Lamar Middle School Fine Arts Academy Tennis Courts, 6201 Wynona Ave. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/LamarMS

Tuesday, August 16: Crestview Neighborhood Plan Contact Team (CNPCT) Meeting, 6:30 PM, Episcopal Church of the Resurrection Fellowship Hall, 2008 Justin Ln. Listing correction for priorities per city request. City mandated bylaws changes. For more information, visit www.cnpct.org.

Quote

Life will break you. Nobody can protect you from that, and living alone won't either, for solitude will also break you with its yearning. You have to love. You have to feel. It is the reason you are here on earth. You are here to risk your heart. You are here to be swallowed up. And when it happens that you are broken, or betrayed, or left, or hurt, or death brushes near, let yourself sit by an apple tree and listen to the apples falling all around you in heaps, wasting their sweetness. Tell yourself you tasted as many as you could.
–Louise Erdrich

Ice Cream Social Recap

CNA celebrated its 26th annual ice cream social on Sunday, July 10th. It was a sweet day for an ice cream social with the heat making the cold ice cream that much more refreshing! So many people to visit, so little time.

Thanks to everyone who came out and a special thanks to those local businesses that contributed by donating gift cards. They include Barley Swine, Cover 3, Dia's Market, Dragon's Lair Comics and Fantasy, Epoch Coffee, Ready to Run, Rebel Pizza Bar, Sunrise MiniMart and Thunderbird Coffee.

And a big thanks to Arlan's Market for providing the ice cream and supplies. Everyone had a good time but unfortunately, the attempts at an ice cream sculpting contest melted away.

Austin Receives Grant to Connect Kids with Nature

The City of Austin has been selected as one of six cities to receive $25,000 in grant money to better connect children with nature.

On top of the $25,000 grant from the Cities Connecting Children to Nature initiative, the Parks and Recreation Department is matching that amount to assist in the planning efforts.

Before the money is spent, the Parks and Recreation Department is asking the public what they want to see it used for. You can share your ideas on a city survey.

If you'd like to share your ideas, you can fill out the survey at:
www.surveymonkey.com/r/CCCNENGLISH

Announcements

A Crestview resident since the 1960s, Frances Daugherty passed away on May 31. Our condolences to her family and friends. She will be sorely missed.

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Location to be announced.

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News from Capital Metro—MetroRail Enhancements

Capital Metro's Red Line rail will receive "double tracking" in some locations. That, and a few additional rail cars plus a new, larger Downtown MetroRail Station will allow us to run trains more frequently and carry more people on the existing RedLine track.

These projects received grant funding:

- TIGER Grant: www.capmetro.org/news-item.aspx?id=2636
- TxDOT Grant: www.capmetro.org/news-item.aspx?id=3749

For more information about the Project Connect Regional Transportation Project, see www.projectconnect.com/modes/regional-and-commuter-rail.php.

Red Line Expansion

TIGER V Grant Project—Upgrades to the MetroRail Red Line and Freight Rail

Increase the frequency and capacity of the MetroRail Red Line by doing the following:

- Upgrade 2.5 miles of track from 90# to 115# rail.
- Increase freight carrying capacity of 45 bridges.
- Install new sidings at Crestview and Howard Stations and extend the siding at Lakeline.
- Make track configuration improvements at Austin Junction (the WYE).
- Add super elevation to track on selected curves.
- Improve crossing and siding signals and systems.
- Improvements to Stadler rail cars.

Project estimate: $35 million ($11.3 million TIGER V Grant)
Project start: Fall 2014
Estimated project completion: Spring 2018
Project update:

- Track upgrade work from 90# to 115# has been completed.
- Preliminary bridge design work complete; final design underway.

Final design for sidings, super elevations, Wye, signals and systems beginning first quarter 2016.
Contract for Stadler rail cars approved 4th quarter 2015.

The approximate lengths of the sidings included in the TIGER grant are as follows:

- Crestview: 3,200 feet
- Howard: 3,200 feet
- Lakeline Extension: 5,400 feet

The improvements to the Stadler cars included in the grant are to the existing cars. The Downtown Station and the new cars are not included in the budget figures provided for the TIGER grant project.

The added MetroRail service will correspond with the opening of the new Downtown Station in 2018.

The four new cars would be tested and ready for public service with 15-minute MetroRail frequencies during peak periods at this time. Our current schedule indicates the arrival of the first vehicle in 2017. Testing will continue after vehicle delivery and is projected to last 6 to 8 months.

The expansion of the Downtown Station must occur before the added service at rush hour can be added. Not only is the capacity at the station platform required but the double tracking approach to the station and the three boarding positions are required to have the operations flexibility needed to achieve the 15 minute headways. In addition, there are other improvements under design that are also required to achieve the desired system frequency, for example, the three new sidings at three station locations, Crestview, Howard and Lakeline Stations. These projects are funded and are part of the "TIGER V" grant program (FTA). These projects will be completed late 2017 to early 2018.

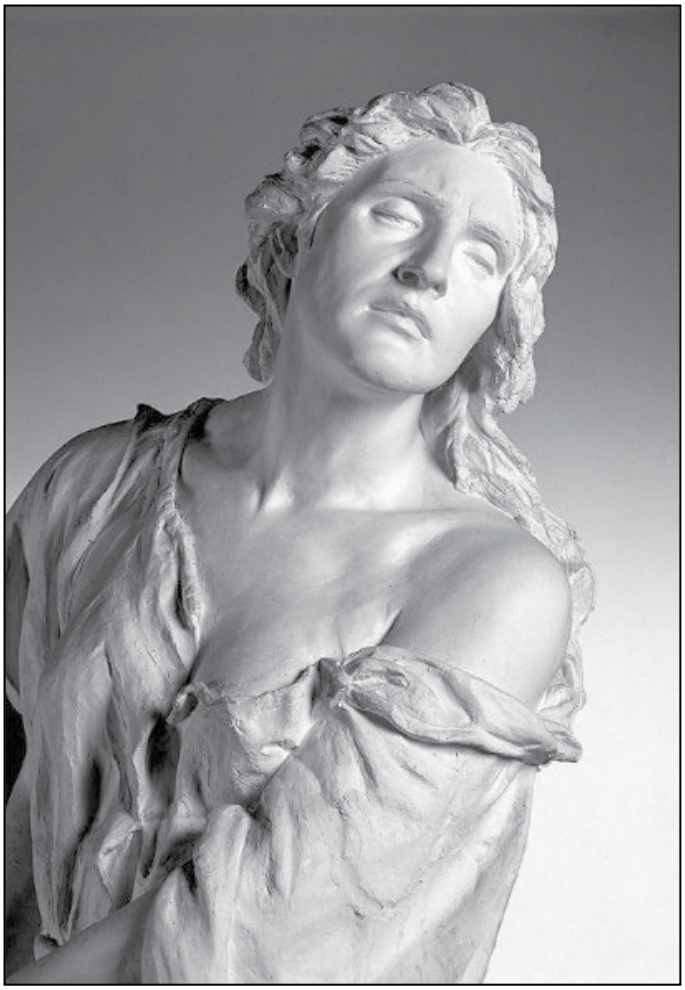
The Persistence of Elizabet Ney

By Marilyn Querejazu, Crestview artist

If there is one word to describe Elizabet Ney, it is persistence. She was almost 60 years old when she moved to Austin from her farm in Hempstead, Texas to resume her career as a sculptor. She had not sculpted for some twenty years—since her early career in Europe—yet she secured the commission to create statues of the most prominent heroes of Texas for the World's Columbian Exposition in 1893.

Nothing was easy for Miss Ney. She endured rejection (as all artists must), financial hardship, the death of one child and the rebelliousness of another. Yet she persisted in believing she held the power to bring great art to light.

Her Austin studio, Formosa, was constructed in time for her first major commission in the United States, a statue of Sam Houston. Formosa endures in humble grandeur as the Elizabet Ney Museum, in the heart of Hyde Park in central Austin. Within these limestone walls are most of her European and American works, as well as historical information about her life and times.



Lady Macbeth by Elizabet Ney

Two rooms are filled with her work, including Prometheus Bound, and the dramatic Lady Macbeth. The busts of Stephen Fuller Austin, made in preparation for the life-sized statue are among the best of her work (IMHO).

The sure-footed can climb the narrow spiral staircase to her husband, Edmund Montgomery's tower. Here you can gaze out into the Hyde Park neighborhood that had once been fields and woodland and learn the name of her favorite breakfast cereal.

Your outing won't be complete without a stroll around the museum and a splash in Big Shipe Pool, just across the street. Don't forget your suit!

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Newly opened

A new boutique grocery store and deli, Dia's Market, opened just a few weeks ago at 812 Justin Ln. Dia's is owned and operated by Brentwood residents David and Amanda Hopper. The store offers gourmet foods including many locally sourced items, beer, wine, and organic produce. The deli offers sandwiches and coffee.

Renovating

After buying the Minimax, Arlan's is upgrading their equipment. They've installed new produce cases, new meat cases and new dairy cases. Drop by and check them out—you'll be impressed.

Justin Lane Street Reconstruction

By Courtney Black, Public Works Department

On July 13, the City's Water and Wastewater Commission approved a contract for the project in the amount of $5,041,005, which includes an allowance of $150,000, plus a $252,050.25 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed $5,293,055.25.

The project is scheduled to go before the City Council on August 4. If everything goes as planned, construction is slated to begin in mid-September to early October. Prior to this time, we will host a "Meet the Contractor" meeting, where residents will have a chance to discuss the project and have any questions answered.

The general project website is at www.austintexas.gov/department/justin-lane-street-reconstruction-and-utility-improvements

It will be updated regularly with any pertinent information including information about the upcoming community meeting, which will likely be held in September.

Paulinda Lanham is the project manager and we will work together, along with other City of Austin staff, to answer your questions.

North Village Branch Library Events

The North Village branch is at 2505 Steck Ave.For more information, see library.austintexas.gov/events.

Thursday, August 4, 2016
6:00 PM
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Invincible: Ultimate Collection Vol. 1
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4:00 PM
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Tuesday, August 9, 2016
7:00 PM
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Tuesday, August 16, 2016
7:00 PM
Cafe au Lit - Bookclub for new reading ideas
Adult

Tuesday, August 23, 2016
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Friday, August 26, 2016
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Aggravated assault strangle/suffocate	76XX Tisdale Dr	6/1/2016	22:57
Assault by contact	7XXX Easy Wind Dr	6/24/2016	22:26
Auto theft	19XX Madison Ave	6/23/2016	7:00
Burglary non residence	17XX Anderson Ln	6/12/2016	18:11
Burglary non residence	75XX Sugar Magnolia St	6/23/2016	9:38
Burglary of vehicle	17XX Pasadena Dr	6/19/2016	15:48
Burglary of vehicle	75XX Grover Ave	6/23/2016	16:21
Crash/leaving the scene	X Anderson Ln	6/10/2016	11:57
Crash/leaving the scene	72XX Easy Wind Dr	6/25/2016	14:38
Criminal trespass	69XX Lamar Blvd	6/21/2016	17:53
Theft	19XX Richcreek Rd	6/3/2016	13:40
Theft	2XXX Pasadena Dr	6/14/2016	13:15
Theft	17XX Richcreek Rd	6/14/2016	15:14
Theft	17XX Pasadena Dr	6/15/2016	10:05
Theft from building	7XXX Easy Wind Dr	6/28/2016	12:06
Theft of bicycle	72XX Easy Wind Dr	6/7/2016	23:35
Theft of service	13XX Cullen Ave	6/6/2016	9:13
Theft of service	17XX Anderson Ln	6/10/2016	14:20
Theft of service	73XX Burnet Rd	6/22/2016	6:17

August Crime Tip

During the warmer months when people spend more time outside working or relaxing in the yard, it can be easy to forget to close windows or lock doors thus potentially allowing access into the home by observant thieves. Opened garage doors can be an invitation for burglars to not only take valuable items from the garage itself, but in some cases to access the inside of the home where they can do a quick "grab and run" without easily being spotted.

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